Bee Homes
Where Do Bees Nest?
In the Ground

• 70% of bees nest in the ground

A miner bee leaves her nest. Photo credit: StGrafix/Shutterstock
In Cavities

• 30% of bees nest in the cracks and hollow of stems, wood, and stone.

A carpenter bee builds her nest. Photo credit: CC/Docteur Cosmos
In Colonies

- Bumble bees nest in large cavities like abandoned rodent holes.
- A well-established nest may contain up to 400 bumble bees.
In Hives

• Honeybees build special nests called hives, which can house 50,000 bees.

• The Queen bee can live up to 7 years!
Special Nesters

• Some bees have adapted unique ways to keep out unwanted disease and intruders from the nest.

The leaf-cutter bee lines her nest with freshly cut leaves.

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The Take Away

• Plant native flowers so bees have food.

• In the garden, leave stumps, dried stems, and bare soil for the bees to nest OR build your own bee home:

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